

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS,**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, following the title and before the first paragraph, please add the following:

**CROSS REFERENCE and PRIORITY**

This application filed under 35 USC 371, is cross-referenced with, and claims priority from, International Patent Application PCT/IB2004/002637 filed on Jan. 30, 2004, and published in English with Publication No. WO 2005/081672 on Sept. 9, 2005, under PCT article 21(2).

The present application is also cross-referenced and claims priority from, International Patent Application PCT/IB2004/002696 filed on Jan. 30, 2004, and published in English with Publication No. WO 2005/083576 on Sept. 9, 2005, under PCT article 21(2) to  
~~application~~ entitled "Hierarchical Resource Management for a Computing Utility",  
having docket number YOR920030587PCT1, ~~and application entitled "Apparatus for~~  
~~Arbitration in a Computing Utility System", having docket number: YOR920030589US1,~~  
and filed under PCT article 21(2), even dated herewith, and which ~~are~~ is included herein  
by reference in entirety for all purposes.